

A special meeting of Birch Creek-Burnt Fork Lonetree and Henry's Fork Water Districts was called for the purpose of getting the feelings of water users in the area as to recommending a water Commissioner to both states of Wyoming and Utah. The meeting was held in the McKimmon Schoolhouse on March 19, 1981 at 4:10 p.m. Chairman Robert Gamble and Sec. Jon Wilde of Burnt Fork-Birch Creek System chaired the meeting.

Robert Gamble called the meeting to order and explained some more of the reasons why this meeting was called. There being a tie in the voting for a recommendation for water commissioner at Burnt Fork-Birch Creek Distribution system meeting. It was decided to combine the other system into this meeting to try and get the same commissioner for the whole area.

The water users were cautioned not to nominate anyone who had not been previously spoken to about the position.

Water User Charles Meeks contended that there should not be anyone nominated who had an interest in the irrigated water. He said there was a by law of the system to prohibit this. Sec. Jon Wilde said he knew nothing of such a bylaw or any bylaws in the books be kept. Mr. Meeks said he would research this to find out where they were.

Don Stoll asked why the water users in Wyo. had not received notice of the annual meetings in March. John Teichart said the meetings were originally for Utah water users. Mr. Stoll asked if in the future, the users in Wyo. be notified of meetings of the Burnt Fork-Birch Creek system because the problems of system and water commissioner were in both states. Mr. Teichart said he would see that they received notice from henceforth.

There was some discussion on headgates in ditches for water commissioner to regulate water. John Teichart said anyone who was served with notice about inserting or repairing headgates or parshell flumes be put in working order last year, and hadn't adhered by this water season, that he would recommend that water commissioner shut water off to those involved.

Chairman Robert Gamble stated the floor was open for nominations to the position of Water Commissioner:

Earl Hanks nominated Gale Lamb, seconded by Milton Beck.

Joe Hickey nominated Laray Sadlier, seconded by Fred Stoll.

Joe Hickey voted nominations ceased, seconded by Earl Hanks, all in favor.

Charles Meeks put the question before the chairman that if a proxy had been signed by a water user and given him prior to the meeting, could he vote the proxy? The chair decided that this was in order, but no water user was allowed to vote a proxy without a signature of the water user.

Vote was taken by secret ballot. Sadlier - 7 Gale Lamb - 14. ← McKimmon, Wyo.
Chairman Gamble said he would notify Don Norseth of the State of Utah of the election and Sec. would send a copy of the minutes to Mr. Teichart in Wyo. and Mr. Norseth of Utah.

Theron Wilde made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Earl Hanks, all in favor.


Jon Wilde, Secretary

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The Annual meeting of the Burnt Fork-Birch Creek District was held March 10, 1981 at 11:10 a.m. in the McKinnon Schoolhouse at McKinnon, Wyo. Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Donald C. Norseth	- Div. of Water Rights
Arthur V. May	Div. of Water Rights
Bob Gamble	Self
John Solum	Div. of Water Rights
Bob Guy	Div. of Water Rights
Marvin Bollschweiler	Wyo. State Board
Earl Hanks	Self
Basil Triplett	Self
Jon Wilde	Self
Mark Anderson	J. C. Anderson and Sons

Meeting was called to order by Robert Gamble. The chair asked for the minutes to be read of the 1980 regular meeting. There was a motion to approve the minutes as read by Basil Triplett and seconded by Earl Hanks, all in favor.

Financial report was given by Donald Norseth. Balance Jan 1, 1980 - \$89.05. Total 1980 receipts \$539.74. Total expenses \$70.00. Balance December 31, 1980 - \$558.79. Water Commissioner was not paid in 1980 but was paid March 3, 1981 \$350.00 leaving a balance of \$208.79. The Commissioner is still owed for the annual report and salary for 1980. There was one delinquent water assessment in the amount of \$1.84 Richard K. Hughes. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Jon C. Wilde, seconded by Robert Gamble, all in favor.

Mr. Norseth gave a report on accumulated water content to date. He said we were below normal by 30 to 50%.

Mr. Norseth also gave the water commissioner's report for Laray Sadlier who was not in attendance. Commissioner report stated how much water in acre feet had been in each Utah ditch. There still needs to be repair of basin ditch headgate and Midway parshell flume has sunk and will not measure the water right. Mark Anderson moved that the Commissioner report be accepted as read, seconded by Basil Triplett, all in favor.

Next order of business was the setting of a budget for the coming year. There was \$136.29 left in the budget from last year after all remaining bills will be paid. Earl Hanks moved that the assessment be the same as last year for both states which will make the budget the same as last year, seconded by Basil Triplett, all in favor.

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Recommending a water commissioner to the states for 1981 was the next order of business. Mark Anderson nominated Laray Sadlier, seconded by Robert Gamble. Earl Hanks nominated Lennie Twitchell, seconded by Modesto Mendicoa. Jon Wilde moved that nomination cease, seconded by Basil Triplett, all in favor. Voting was done by secret ballot with the following results: Sadlier - 3 and Twitchell - 3. Since there was a tie in the voting, it was unanimously agreed that another meeting be called for March 19, Thursday, at 4:00 p.m. Since the Water Commissioner serves Lonetree, McKinnon, and all of Henry's Fork, all the water users in these area are to be invited. Donald Norseth said he would send a list to Mr. Gamble with all water users in Utah on it. Mr. Bollschweiler said he would do the same for those users who live in Wyo. The chairman and Sec. Wilde is to notify all of the time and place. It was also noted that an assessment should be discussed with those who use water through the People's Canal which comes out of Henry's Fork and these users be in the State of Utah. They are at present paying nothing towards regulated water. The users in Wyo. portion of the canal pay through their taxes.

Marvin Bollschweiler asked if the State of Utah would see that the Basin ditch headgate and Midway Parshell flume would be fixed and repaired before irrigating season this year. Mr. Norseth said he would see that this was done.